

REMARKS

This Amendment responds to the Office Action dated April 1, 2009 in which the Examiner rejected claims 13-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 and stated that claims 1-12 are allowed.

As indicated above, claim 13 has been amended in order to be directed to a statutory subject matter. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner withdraws the rejection to claims 13-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

The prior art of record, which is not relied upon, is acknowledged. The references taken singularly or in combination should not anticipate or make obvious the claimed invention.

Thus it now appears that the application is in condition for a reconsideration and allowance. Reconsideration and allowance at an early date are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

If for any reason the Examiner feels that the application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact, by telephone, the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed within the currently set shortened statutory period, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such extension of time may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

In the event that any additional fees are due with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

Respectfully submitted,

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